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Honorable Tom Coburn  
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Dear Senator Coburn:

I am writing to respond to your inquiry regarding the ways government has permitted Temple University ("Temple") to continue the institution's educational, service and research missions. In responding, I must stress that I am writing on behalf of the university only and not Temple University Health System, which is a separate 501(c)3 non-profit organization that independently manages its own fiscal affairs. Please allow me to also emphasize Temple seriously considers every opportunity to receive funding and holds all initiatives to a standard of merit and outcome we believe clearly demonstrates value on many levels.

Among Temple's funded programs are projects directed to provide meaningful experiences to university and non-university constituencies, and allowing the institution to fill a much-needed role within the community at-large. With the assistance of government, Temple has been able to employ university expertise and resources in initiatives of public interest. These activities are possible through sponsored research grant and contract awards, including a total of: \$50.2M in FY06, \$48.0M in FY05, 51.9M in FY04, \$45.9M in FY03, and \$41.2M in FY02. As with all external monies received that establish or sustain programs, governmental dollars have enabled Temple to pursue goals consistent with its mission as a major public research university.

Grants and contracts are accepted with the university's high expectation for responsible management of and meaningful outcomes for projects. In addition to adhering to agency and legal guidelines, the University understands its obligation as a taxpayer-supported institution and works diligently to satisfy all requirements. Temple's Executive Office of the President remains aware of projects and the Office of the Vice President for Research & Graduate Studies evaluates and approves goals, methods and results. Along with the dean of the college or school each program director reports to, the participation of the above offices helps ensure proper project oversight and execution.